

Colleagues,

Since the last time we sent out a note on VRAP....we had a great week and saw continued increases in applicants, COE's, and enrolled. Here is a good YouTube link for our latest VRAP public service announcement describing a Veteran actually using VRAP. It is also on our VRAP web page at [www.benefits.va.gov/VOW](http://www.benefits.va.gov/VOW). This is the YouTube link <http://youtu.be/3bYOSyU-6x0>.

The most recent employment information was released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics this past Friday. FYSA, attached and below is a synopsis of that information as it relates to Veterans. Bottom line:

**Overall unemployment - 7.9%**

**Veteran unemployment - 7.6%**

- Veteran unemployment rate remained lower than the non-veteran unemployment rate for 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive month
- 75% of all unemployed Veterans are over the age of 35

Cohort (% of total)	Rate	Change	Level	Change
<b>National</b>	7.9%	0.1%	12.3M	100,000
<b>All Veterans (100%)</b>	7.6%	0.6%	844,000	87,000
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans (29%)</b>	11.7%	0.9%	252,000	26,000
<b>18-24 Veterans (6%)</b>	31.3%	8.6%	51,000	-4,000
<b>25-34 Veterans (19%)</b>	11.5%	1.5%	160,000	28,000
<b>35-44 Veterans (16%)</b>	6.5%	1.6%	138,000	43,000
<b>45-54 Veterans (19%)</b>	5.8%	-1.4%	162,000	-41,000
<b>55+ Veterans (40%)</b>	7.2%	1.1%	333,000	62,000

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## Employment Facts and Statistics

Office of Economic Opportunity  
Veterans Benefits Administration  
BLS Figures (non-seasonally adjusted)

### January-13

#### Unemployment

Cohort (% of total)	Rate	Change	Level	Change
<b>National</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	12.3M	100,000
>27 Weeks			4.7M	-100,000
<b>All Veterans (100%)</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	844,000	87,000
Male	7.5%	0.7%	721,000	65,000
Female	8.8%	-0.3%	123,000	23,000
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans (29%)</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	252,000	26,000
Male	10.5%	0.6%	186,000	6,000
Female	17.1%	1.4%	66,000	20,000
<b>18-24 Veterans (6%)</b>	<b>31.3%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	51,000	-4,000
Male	22.7%	4.1%	27,000	-12,000
Female*	55.7%	9.3%	24,000	8,000
<b>25-34 Veterans (19%)</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	160,000	28,000
Male	11.5%	2.0%	134,000	23,000
Female	11.3%	-2.5%	26,000	5,000
<b>35-44 Veterans (16%)</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	138,000	43,000
Male	5.8%	0.9%	103,000	21,000
Female	10.1%	5.2%	35,000	22,000
<b>45-54 Veterans (19%)</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	162,000	-41,000
Male	6.2%	-0.8%	144,000	-26,000
Female	4.1%	-4.2%	18,000	-15,000
<b>55+ Veterans (40%)</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	333,000	62,000
Male	7.3%	1.3%	312,000	57,000
Female	6.2%	-0.4%	21,000	4,000

\* Does not meet BLS publication criteria

#### Unemployed by State Data

Highest Levels (32% of total)	Level	Highest Rates	Rate
California	82,000	Arkansas	20.2%
Ohio	52,000	New Jersey	14.9%
Georgia	47,000	Ohio	13.2%
Pennsylvania	47,000	Georgia	12.1%
North Carolina	46,000	Indiana	12.1%

#### Employment Sector

Sector	+/-	Sector	+/-
Retail	+33k	Manufacturing	Even
Construction	+28k	Financial	Even
Health Care	+23k	Professional/Business	Even
Wholesale Trade	+15k	Government	Even
Mining	+6k	Transportation/Warehousing	-14k

